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OUR LONDON LETTER.

Retirement of a Prominent English Engineer. -Decision in an Important Milling Cause.— Description with Illustration of a Valuable Weighing and Mixing Machine, Etc., Etc. [Our Correspondent's letter arrived too late for publication in our December number, and we therefore omit the first part of it referring to trade condi-

Mr. J. Harrison Carter of 82 Mark Lane E. C. has retired from business as milling engineer and is succeeded by Messrs. E. R. and F. Turner of Ipswich who during the past 12 years have manufactured the greater part of his machinery, having purchased his stock and Interest. Mr. Carter who is one of the most gentlemenly men in the milling trade, now intends to give most of his time to politics and no doubt Parliament.

ment in the case of Nunden, Armfield pers, but is of the same principle and ceptacle the hollow shaft remains at bly lowered the market price of that re-& Co. v. Marriage, Neave & Co., for the construction as those with more hop-rest. The wheat is discharged from the quired for home consumption. In ad-

with costs. The points raised in the defense were all decided in favor of the plaintiffs (milling engineers.) The plaintiffs sought to recover from the defendants the balance due upon anaccount of machinery supplied and for work done in the defendants mill. The claim was resisted by the defendants, who set up an answer, and then filed a counter-claim by which they insisted that the plaintiffs were liable to them in respect of large damages in consequence of defects in the machinery supplied. The case was one of great interest and the week's fight was spoken of during the time it lasted and for nine days after, on every corn market.

As promised in my last letter, annexed will be found a de-

ing is arranged so as to minimize the the scale hopper. When all the the earlier period from North and been enabled to eat his loaf at the same

into the machine.

plaintiffs on the claim and counter-claim pers. The hoppers or scale receptacles wheat scales simultaneously by cams dition to the agricultural profit is the

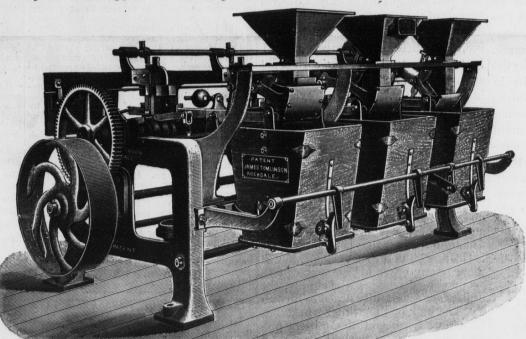
mill proper, wheat cleaning department with the correct weight of wheat nine millions. Most of the missing and silo being separated by thick fire —each one of which can be varied to twenty millions of 1888 had been furproof walls, and having no communical any proportion, the scale hoppers unlinished in 1887 by the United States, tion with each other; except, by the load themselves simultaneously. On from which this year less than half the iron galleries outside the building the main-driving shaft is a pinion, which supply of 1887 has emanated. Eastern communicating on each floor. The drives a spur-wheel fixed on a shaft Europe has made good the American silo which has only lately been above. (See illustration.) This latter finished is found to work most satis- shaft revolves inside a hollow shaft, factorily and, as mentioned in my upon which are fixed the necessary last letter has 23 bins with hoppered cams to lift the wheat weighing recepbottoms. The Wheat Weigher and tacles into position after they have been Mixer, which was patented in August discharged, and to withdraw the arc-1884, by W. J. D. Thomlinson, engineer valves from over the delivery spouts of of the Soho Iron Works, Rochdale, is the feed spouts. The hollow shaft is placed immediately under the bins, to brought into gear with a rachet wheel enable the wheat to be spouted direct fixed on the driving-shaft, when the detention fingers have released a bar which The machine has ten weighing hop- does not take place until all the weighwe shall soon see him a Member of pers and a capacity of 750 bushels ing hoppers have received their proper per hour. The illustration shows quantity of wheat, so that until the Mr. Justice Mathew delivered judg- a machine with three receiving hop- proper quantity of wheat is in each re-

deficiency, and especially Russia. An increase of fifteen million hundredweight has come from Russia, which has sent four times as much as in the corresponding eleven months. The transfer represents a vast loss to

the United States, and a proportionally greater gain to the Russian Empire. Much of the price paid by Englishmen for the grain and flour is like a windfall to the Russian farmer. The surplus of his harvest would have been of little monetary value to him if left in his own country. Probably by its mere presence it would have considera-

profit or profits to a crowd of interests employed in the change of hands, and of nath valities, undergone by the wheat in transit. That which Russia has been acquiring in these incidental ways has been, there can be no doubt, abstracted, more or less, from the United States. Circumstances might be imagined in which the shifting of the British wheat supply would have no such effect. If the United States had suddenly turned capital, labor and acreage to some new purpose, the with drawal of the foreign custom for twenty million hundredweight of wheat would not matter. So, again, if the American population and demand for food had risen, as sooner

or later it will, to the level hoppered spout, which carries it to the than the reverse. Nothing of the kind can be suggested to explain the alteration in the source of British bread. So much English money simply has been going into Russia instead of West Sir James Caird called attention to a American pockets; and America simply



TOMLINSON'S WHEAT WEIGHER AND MIXER.

scription of the New Wheat Weigher | are suspended from weighing levers, | also fixed on the revolving shaft, which of the extreme production of the and Mixing Machine, that was erected and the various qualities of grain are by an arrangement of levers press open native soil, the modification in the at the Deptford Bridge Flour Mills, conveyed separately from their respective catches at the bottom of the hoppers course of British food imports would Greenwich, during last October. These tive bins to the weighing hoppers or to and allows the wheat to fall into a large imply a benefit to the Union rather mills are very conveniently situated as many as may be required. The for flour manufacture, being con-feeding shoots conveying the grain to nected with the river Thames by a the scale hoppers below (see illustration) The wheat is unloaded are provided with valves which are by means of a grain elevator direct kept open by means of levers. The from the barges to one of the twenty- frame of the machine supports a reone bins in the silo and after hav- volving shaft, which imparts move- remarkable recent instance of the is so much the poorer for the phenoming been mixed with other varieties ment to a rocking shaft on which are smoothness of the operation of trade enon. That is all matter of course, for by the Wheat Weigher and Mixer fingers that vibrate to and fro. When under neutral conditions. During the which the chances of seasons are acis cleaned in the wheat cleaning depart- any one of the scale hoppers has re- eleven months of 1888 ending on No- countable. Western America had this ment adjoining, after which process it ceived the specific weight of grain and vember 30, Great Britain imported a past year comparatively meagre haris reduced to flour and offal in the descends, its lever frame interposes a little more than sixty-seven million vests, and Russia, by a coincidence forroller mill proper The Deptford part between the corresponding vibrat- hundredweight of wheat and flour. In tunate for her even more than for Bridge Flour Mills have under one roof ing finger and the locking catch, the corresponding eleven months of Great Britain, enjoyed splendid weather two distinct roller plants, together whereby the latter is knocked off a bar 1887 the foreign supply was practically and enormous crops. The more curihaving a capacity of a little over 1000 which by this means becomes disenthe same. Only, the growers of the ously pleasant, though perfectly natubarrels of flour per day and the whole gaged. The valve at the bottom of the great bulk of the import in the two ral, result for the British consumer is block of buildings present a pleasing shoot supplying the scale hopper is years happened to be different. Forty-that, amidst the extraordinary market Structurally the build- closed by the downward movement of nine million hundredweight came in permutations and vicissitudes, he has

bin below the machine.

L. MAYGROVE.

BRITISH GRAIN IMPORTS.

risk of fire so far as possible, the roller scale hoppers have been loaded South America, and in the later twenty- price within a fraction that he ate it

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last year. He has not been in the least conscious, unless he were engaged in the preparation of agricultural statistics, that Russia, and no longer America, has been growing this staple grain.

Several agencies join in enabling the British consumer thus to preserve a doubt of his solvency. He goes round is hardly appreciated at all in Europe, or equivalent credit, and has but to se-All the farming interests on the earth grow with an eye to his possible advent as a buyer, and facilitate his arrangements. On his part he has provided himself with the best equipment cornmeal, while France took only 1,for annihilating space and distance. Whether the cornfields which for the time have caught his preference be in at only 1.70 per cent. of the production to him. He is prepared with means of said to have been secured. transport which minimize the topographical dissimilarities. Free trade has imparted to British traffic in corn as automatic a flow as the common sense of the commercial States has given to exchanges in the money market. As bullion by a self-adjusting process passes, wherever it is wanted and valwanted, into British ports.—London Times.

A CORN PALACE TO GO TO PARIS.

The New York Times says that "the plan for a corn exhibit at the Paris Exposition is receiving a good deal of attention on the New York Produce Exchange, where designs for the 'corn known St. Louis miller makes the folhave been displayed for some days. The supervision of the exhibit will be dailies as desire to give the public the under the control of the agricultural plain truth: department of the American commission, although it is expected to raise the \$30,000 estimated to be needed to meet the expenses by subscriptions. The exhibit will include a pavilion, the roof, columns and chimney of which will be built of the corn fodder, and the interior and exterior will be covered with the corn-stalk and ear. A good deal of mosaic work with corn grains of varied colors and a number of figures and emblems, all in corn, will be shown. Photographs of Corn Exchanges in this country and big maps showing the corn-growing districts of the country will be included in the display. From an American kitchen, equipped with American ranges, cooks equipped with American ranges, cooks siderable decline in wheat within that period surface. In addition to this, provision is points in the South and South-east.

will distribute free of charge all the known preparations of corn as an article of food in the shape of bread, mush, puddings, etc. A competent man will deliver short lectures every hour on the uses of corn, the way of preparing and cooking it, and its general healthfulplacid indifference to the ultimate ness as an article of diet. Pamphlets choice among the candidates for the setting forth the same facts in English, office of his wheat grower. In the first French and German will also be displace, his wealth is concerned. No set tributed. For the exhibit the proof foreign farmers and dealers has any moters say that the use of corn as food the world's markets with ready cash, and that if the possibilities of the grain were understood exports of it from this lect without fear of demur. He is not country would quickly be increased merely a good, but a known customer. many fold. To introduce corn to the people of Europe is the great object of the exhibitors, who say that Germany last year bought of us only 2,638,137 bushels of the grain and 403 barrels of 958,750 bushels and 60 barrels of meal. Last year the total export of corn is put India, Bessarabia, Tennessee, Winnipeg in this country." For the exhibit a or Chili, makes little or no difference space with eighty feet of frontage is

THE MILLERS' COMBINE.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of Jan. 5, contained the following editorial:

"The flour mills have been reduced to half capacity under the operation of the newly formed flour trust. The millers assert that this is not done to increase the price of flour, but if ued, so corn passes, whenever it is there is any other object that can be obtained by decreasing the supply, the millers are respectfully urged to furnish it. The bulk of the winter wheat has been purchased, and the millers pro-

pose that consumers shall pay good prices for the flour ground out of it. This is sad news for the poor people who must have bread."

To this Alex. H. Smith the wellpalace' to be shown at the exposition lowing reply which will no doubt make good reading for editors of such

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Refering to your editorial allusion to flour mills Saturday, I beg to state that there are other reasons than the desire to increase the price of flour for limiting the production to half the average capacity of the mills temporarily.

rarily.
First, "because the stocks of flour on hand are the largest on record, having increased 191,000 barrels since December 1, being 65,900

are the largest of record, having increases 191,000 barrels since December 1, being 65,900 barrels more than one year ago, and 77,440 barrels more than on January 1, 1887, when the stock aggregated 2,025,000 barrels." (Quotation from Bradstreet printed in your commercial column of Saturday.)

Please note that the 191,000 barrels increase for December was made under the reduced capacity of mills which you assume threatens to increase the price of bread, the mills of the whole country having been under agreement to not exceed half capacity from November 19 to December 31, and many of them being wholly idle during that period, not withstanding which the records show that the stock of flour largely increased, and the reduction has consequently been continued for January.

named, which has been followed by flour named, which has been followed by flour prices as reference to your daily reports, show the cost price of flour is not yet cheap enough to attract export orders, and with milling capacity largely exceeding domestic demand the only remedy was the one adopted to reduce the manufacture to near the requirements of the only trade open to us.

As a matter of fact the action you criticise (doubtless without due consideration) has reduced the price of flour by first diminishing

doubtless without due consideration has reduced the price of flour by first diminishing the demand for wheat and consequently bringing the cost down. You say that "the wheat bas been bought," but we say it is not wholly or even generally owned by millers. Have you forgotten the "September corner" and that under the modern system of speculation the visible supply is usually owned and

and that under the modern system of speculation the visible supply is usually owned and used by manipulators?

If the wheat is out of farmers hands and millers in self-defense take united action to bring the price of the raw material and the manufactured article into their proper and reasonable positions, are they therefore to have the stigma of "trust" attached to their avoidance of destruction?

The market records prove the assertion

avoidance of destruction?

The market records prove the assertion that so far the action of the millers has reduced prices. With an admitted deficiency in the last winter wheat crop and nearly a failure of the spring wheat crop, full milling would deplete the supply, increasing its price and as surely by adding to at present unsalable flour stocks depress the prices, working double destruction to millers, whereas, by the conservative policy forced on them, the country may be carried through to the next crop without violent changes or extreme prices. No trade can be expected to deliberately commit "harikari." No manufacturer is under any moral or other obligation to continue to make and pile up unsaleable goods on penalty of being charged by the newspapers with running a "trust" or oppressing the poor.

the newspapers with running a "trust" or oppressing the poor.

This is simply an economic question which is open to fair discussion, and the newspapers should treat it as such in a spirit of fairness. If the facts are found to be as herein stated, tell your readers so. If flour is really considerably cheaper than it was before the millers made the move complained of, tell them so, and do not mislead them by the catch phrases of the hour. They know that the wholesale price of extra fancy flour in St. Louis at \$4.75 per barrel is not dear and they know that if it was saleable at any profit the mills would not reduce their manfacture. This is not a defense, but simply a correction; no defense is required if the facts are stated.

STEAM HEATING OF PASSENGER CARS.

To the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway belongs the credit for first having brought the matter of steam heating of cars into general notice; to that company belongs the credit of being the first western road which has brought its experiments to a successful issue, and to that company the travthe initiative in equipping its principal through trains with this comfort-producing and life-saving apparatus.

In order to explain the manner in which the cars are heated, the following is furnished by Mr. George Gibbs, Mechanical Engineer of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Rail-

The steam is taken direct from the locomotive boiler through pressure regulating and safety valves, which allow low pressure steam only to pass back to the cars, through the main train supply pipe, and thence to the heating pipes in each car.

The direct supply pipe is carried through the top of the cars, and flexible connections made over the center of the platforms by means of automatic couplings and hose. By this construction, complete immunity from danger of scalding in case of accident is secured; the reducing and safety valves making over pressure impossible, and the automatic couplings on top of cars allowing harmless escape of the steam, and instantly breaking connection to locomotive.

The direct train pipe is tapped in each car by a branch pipe, which communicates with

made for properly ventilating cars by an arrangement in each of "indirect heating" radiators, very similar to stacks in the cellars of houses heated by steam, so that the motion of the train forces in large volumes of heated fresh air.

This feature in connection with a device used for automatically regulating the temper ature to a fixed point, say 70 degrees, assures the highest attainable degree of comfort in a changeable winter climate.

TRADE NOTES.

THE Milwaukee Bag Company report business GOOD. Their goods and prices meet the wants of millers and grain dealers.

BURNHAM BROS., York, Pa., report the demand for water-wheels already good. Their's, is an old firm and their wheels are wellknown.

THE Prinz & Rau Manufacturing Company report a strong demand for their special machinery, not only from millers, but from brewers and maltsters. See their adv. on back page.

B. H. & J. Sanford, of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., manufacturers of water-wheels believe that they can convince anyone wanting a a wheel that they make as good a one as can be had and for a reasonable price.

THE Goodyear Rubber Company are prepared to supply anything in the way of belting, hose and rubber goods. They have depots in Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Note their adv. and write to them

THE annual banquet of the Geo. T. Smith Middlings Purfier Co., to its officers, agents and invited guests at Jackson, Mich., was a very pleasant affair, and passed off without a single unpleasant feature to mark the occasion.

MESSRS. EDW. P. ALLIS & Co., of Milwaukee, have recently received an immense importation of bolting cloth of the best brand known to the trade. Their works are kept pretty busy, especially their engine depart-

THE Bradford Mill Company, Cincinnati, O., report business good. The demands upon them for their celebrated "Dunlap Bolt" keep one department of their institution more than busy. Millers should have their latest catalogue on hand for reference.

In their advertisement on the back page of this paper the Superlative Purifier Company eling public will be indebted for its taking publish a letter from Homer Baldwin, of Youngstown, O. Millers' generally know Mr. Baldwin to be one of the most expert millers in this or any other country, and his views carry great weight with them. Read the letter.

> S. Howes, of Silver Creek, N. Y., finds it necessary to run his works to full capacity to supply the demand for his "Eureka" machines. By the way, Mr. Howes was recently the recipient of a present of an elegant easy chair from his employes. Mr. Howes annual presents to his employes are in the shape of substantials which prove of physical benefit to them.

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MILWAUKEE AMUSEMENTS.

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WITH this number the UNITED STATES MILLER enters the fourteenth year of its existence and resumes its former size of page. This edition contains but eight pages. We shall increase the number of pages as rapidly as we can do so in justice to ourselves. We shall maintain a very large circulation, and do not doubt but our efforts in that direction will prove entirely satisfactory to all advertisers. We shall publish a paper of interest and value to the trade in all its branches, and we may add here that we will pay considerable attention to appropriate illustrations.

HARVESTING is progressing in Australia and the Argentine Republic. The former has no wheat for export and the latter will it is anticipated have about 8,000,000 bushels of wheat for export by March 1.

A Convention of winter wheat millers will be held in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1889. A large attendance is desired and expected. Matters of great importance to the trade in general will be discussed and acted upon.

THE "50 NOVELS" advertised in another place as a premium with the U. S. MILLER make unquestionably the best premium ever offered. We have country. We may not be able to keep reports larger, three states report about the this offer open long.

THE Holiday number of the Journal de la Meunerie, Paris, France, is the largest yet produced. It contains considerably over a hundred pages and is well illustrated and full of good technical as well as appropriate miscellaneous reading matter.

THE cotton bagging trust died according to appointment Jan. 1. The members of the trust admit that they made some money but not as much as they expected to, as outsiders owned a large amount of bagging which was placed on the Market.

EDW. P. ALLIS & Co. have just issued a very neat and convenient little States Jan 21, rendered an opinion in wire cloths, with suitable blanks for George Hammand & Co., appeal from millers.

ordering, which they will be glad to send to all millers requesting a copy.

THE Farmer's Annual State Convention will meet in Madison, Wis., Feb. 5, 6, 7 and 8, in the Assembly Chamber. The railroads have made special excursion rates of half fare to Madison from all parts of the State for this occasion. All residents of the State are invited to attend.

THE Canadians want letter postage reduced to two cents per ounce and England wants ocean postage reduced to two cents. That postal rates everywhere should be reduced to the lowest point possible consistent with the expense of carrying and distributing the mails is generally admitted.

The New York Commercial and Shipping List of late date says:

THE all but enthusiastic confidence with which merchants generally regard business prospects for the incoming year is significant. The stagnation in the wheat export trade is the saddest and most noteworthy exception. Speculative booms have driven into other channels, and other countries are reaping the advantage of it.

HAVE you a wife, daughter or sweetheart? If so, send \$1.10 for a copy of The Ladies' Home Companion and THE United States Miller. Both papers for one year for \$1.00. The former is published twice a month, and is a beautiful 16-page paper. Address The U. S. MILLER, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Minneapolis Tribune gives a glowing account of the extent of the flour industry in Minneapolis and the number of people benefited thereby. Milwaukee cannot make quite such an extensive showing in flour manufacture, but when it comes to beer, leather and iron, we can give "The Twin" odds.

THE electric-sugar-refining process has proved a gigantic fraud and something like a million of American and English dollars have gone to enrich the shrewd fraud-workers. another expensive lesson to persons who put their money into processes so secret that the inventors do not dare to patent them. Will the Keeley motor also prove to be a fraud on gullible investors?

A St. Louis dispatch says;

"The Western Millers' Association's report which is now in print, makes wheat on hand 1,900,000 bushels more than last year, and 180,000 barrels more flour. The acreage of Missouri is 100, condition 100; Illinois, acreage 98, condition, 101; Kansas, acreage 144, condition, 100. The other four states were same and three states smaller." Another and more specific dispatch reports that the above statement of stocks of wheat and flour is from 154 mills.

THE Holiday number of The Northwestern Miller came duly to hand and we believe the most sanguine expectations bred by the representations of the publishers are more than realized. It is better in many respects than any previous Holiday editions. Both mill furnishers, millers and brokers are well represented in its columns. It should be seen to be appreciated. The price is fifty cents per copy. It can be obtained by addressing the publishers at Minneapolis, Minn.

THE Supreme Court of the United

the circuit court of the United States from the district of Massachusetts. The supreme court through Justice Blatchford holds that the lifetime of an American patent first taken out in a foreign country does not expire until the extreme limit of time for which an extension of patent may be secured in the foreign country.

THE February installment of the Lincoln History in The Century Magazine, contains chapters of peculiar interest, describing (1) the events leading up to the final removal of General McClellan, (2) the financial measures undertaken by Mr. Chase and advocated by Mr. Lincoln for carrying on the war, (3) the relations between President Lincoln and Secretaries Seward and simultaneous resignation of the two Secretaries, and the manner in which Mr. Lincoln averted a political catastrophe.

THE publisher of The Milling Sphere writes us that his publication has twice been burned out recently, but that his journal will be out shortly in good

WE will send the UNITED STATES MILLER and American Miller to any address in the United States or Canada for one year for \$1.50, or both papers and "50 novel" premiums for \$1.75.

THE Popular Science Quarterly has an able article on "Trusts" by Prof. Theo. W. Dwight, warden of Columbia Coldecided opinion against the competence of our legislatures, whether national or well worth the careful study of legislators who are intent upon securing popularity with the public by making a legcannot be prevented or regulated by legislative enactments it is the business of the legislator to find it out before butting his head against an unpassable legal barrier.

In summing up the business disasters in the United States in 1888 Bradstreet's says:

The total number of failures in the United States for the calendar year 1888 is 10,587, against 9,740 in 1887, an increase of 9.7 per cent., but there is from 94 to 98 in acreage and average condi-filled orders for them from all over the tisn. Of wheat in farmers' hands, Missouri to the gain. For three years preceeding that ended December 31, 1888, nual number of failures. year of financial panic at New York, the total number of failures was 11,620 The decrease in the total in 1885 was $4\frac{1}{3}$ per cent., in 1886 it was 4.9 per cent., and in 1887 it was 7.8 per cent. From 1884 to 1887 the decrease was 1,376 failures, or 11.8 per cent. Hence the increase of 847 failures in the calendar just ended can convey no special significance, the aggregate amounting to about the same total as was recorded in 1886, at which time the total was 10,568, or 19 less than the year just ended.

Mich., was killed in a railroad accident Jan. 20, 1889. The name of Cochrane is familiar to millers generally and especially to members of the Miller's National Association who expamphlet, containing price lists of the the important patent case of the Bate pended over \$90,000 in defending his convention: "Gentlemen-If 100 of celebrated Dufour bolting cloths and Refrigeration Company, appellant, vs. suit for patent infringements against our large spring wheat millers and 200

he, in a measure dropped out of sight and there was not much heard of him in the trade papers until the announcement briefly made about a year ago that he was about to introduce a new milling system. With this object in view a company was organized and a very extensive plant at Escanaba, Mich., was about completed. Lieut. Gov. McDonald also a stockholder in the Cochrane Company was also killed. The accident was sudden and awful in its results.

THE thirteenth annual statement of the Miller's National Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill., was issued Jan. 1. It shows a net cash surplus of \$241.255. 52; deposit notes subject to assessment \$1.123.377.; amount at risk \$8.497.933; Chase, including the incident of the total losses paid during year 1888, \$111. 836.49; total losses since organization paid \$896.088.01.

In his report Sec'y W. L. Barnum

The total assessments levied for losses and If you are about to build write to the United States Miller for a copy of "Brean's House Plans," and enclose fifty cents in stamps. It will help you net full the profit made on short grain insurance and on cash policies, has enabled us to do this.

The next lassessments levied for losses and expenses during the past year amount in all to ten per cent of the Deposit Notes, or one-half the Board Rates, equal to an annual cash dividend of fifty per cent in any other companent Fund, and the profit made on short grain insurance and on cash policies, has enabled us to do this.

The only loss claim is one which we believe we are justified in resisting. While the management of this Company would not take advantage of any mere technicality to avoid the payment of any just claims, they consider it their duty to protect the policyholders against against assessments for those which are illegal and unjust, as well as those which are absolutely fraudulent.

From some observations in the editorial columns of The Milling World, an outsider might think that the banquet at the Plankinton House given by Milwaukeeans in honor of the millers attending the December meeting here, was a sort of "high-toned drunk." It is needless to say that the editor of the lege Law School in which he gives a above-named journal was not present or he certainly would not have made any unpleasant reflections in his paper. state, to prohibit trusts. The article is The banquet was as decorous as any ever given anywhere, and it was a matter of remark that so little wine was drank. We are sorry that the Buffalo islative crusade against trusts. If trusts editor was not present on that occasion, and still more so that he should have been so falsely informed of the facts in the case. Milwaukee is noted for its hospitality, but does not deem it necessary to show it by providing an unseemly flow of liquid refreshments on such an occasion. The editorial insinuations of the Milling World are certainly insulting to not only the givers of the banquet, but to those who partook thereof.

THE figures given by The Northwestern Miller Holiday number showing that there are less than 600 flour mills there has be a decrease in the total an- in this country that have a capacity of In 1884 the 200 bbls. per day or over will set many minds to thinking. We have given that subject a good deal of study and do not hesitate to say that the number as given by The Northwestern Miller is approximately correct. We think however that the list could be cut down to about 500 (if all the facts were positively known) and be nearer the proper mark still.

It has been customary for editors of milling papers to write flippantly on the subject of organizations having any WM. F. COCHRANE of Escanaba, positive influence. As a contemporary puts it, in an article before us, "A hundred millers cannot control 20,000 millers." Is it true?

Was it not nearer the truth when a prominent miller said at the recent After his defeat in that suit large winter wheat millers will combine for the purpose of regulating production they can dictate the price of wheat and flour to the world in nine years out of ten."

The export trade looks almost entirely to the big mills for its supply and foreign buyers, notwithstanding all arguments to the contrary, will look to the United States to supply its shortages for many years to come. Any success that the big millers may secure by combinations or mutual understandings will also be of benefit to the owners of good small mills. It also must not be forgotten that there is a great number of old style mills that have long been idle and in the future will serve only as monaments of the good they have done in times past.

NEWS ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

THE REIST MILLING Co., Hamburg, N.Y., has made an assignment.

BURNED, Jan. 15, C. Mykolasnek's flour mill at Colby, Wis. Loss about \$5,000; partially insured.

AT Fergus, Ont., Jan. 18, James Wilson's oat-meal mill was burned. Loss \$15,000; insurance light.

AT St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 13, May Bro.s' flouring mill was burned. Loss \$12,000; insurance \$6,700.

AT Shippenburg, Pa., Jan. 4, an incendiary fire destoyed the flour mill of Geo. H. Dykeman. Loss \$15,000. The Minn. & North elevator at Kent, Minn.

was destroyed by fire Jan. 16, with 20,000 bushels of wheat. Loss \$33,000.

The new flouring mill of Johnson & Gale,

at La Valle, Wis., was destroyed by fire, Jan. 4. The doss was \$15,000; insurance \$10,000.

NEAR Picton, Ont., Dec. 20, Hallowell's mills were burned. Loss \$5,000; no insurance. There were 1,500 bushels of grain, belonging to farmers in the mills.

AT Wells, N.Y., Nov. 23, Andrew Deming's steam mill was totally destroyed by fire. The mill had not been running lately, and the fire is believed to be of incendiary origin. Loss not reported.

ARTICLES of incorporation were filed at Madison, Wis., Jan. 21, by the Oseola Mills Company, T. C. Ladd, G. B. Hillskotter and H. B. Dike. They will do a general milling business with a capital of \$50,000.

B. J. Panta writes us from Wedron, Ill., as follows: "I remodeled my mill last fall to a full roller process, Barnard & Leas' system, 24 barrels capacity, water power. It is a custom mill; am running day and night and cannot keep up with orders. I shall have to enlarge next year. I am my own miller.

THE D. Keefer Milling Company of Covington, Ky., assigned January 7, to B. F. Graziana; the assets are supposed to be \$75,000 to \$100,000, while the liabilities are estimated at \$100,000 to \$150,000. The death of Keefer, president of the company, Jan. 4, and

the filing of this suit by the First National Bank for \$63,000 caused the assignment.

AT Fayette, Mo., Jan. 10, the Fayette City Mill, owned by J. H. Armstrong & Son, was burned at 8 p. m. The building was a four-story frame and was valued at 15,000, and was insured in the Millers' National Mutual for \$6,000, and the contents for \$1,000 in the same company. Five hundred sacks of flour, and 2,000 bushels of wheat burned in the building.

NEAR Madison, Dak., Jan. 10, the Madison flour mill and Creamery were burned. Loss \$30,000; no insurance. The mill was located a mile from the city, and before the engine could get there the fire was beyond control There was but little stock on hand, most of their flour being in their warehouse. The safe and books were saved; everything else is a total loss.

The water was turned into the the canal Jan. 1, and once more Augusta's (Georgia mills are ready to run. The banks of the canal were washed away in September last by the freshet, and the work of repairing them has just been completed. Eleven cotton mills, beside a number of other industries, have been shut down, throwing out of employment over five thousand employes.

THE J. B. Alfree Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., have received orders for complete short-system corn-meal outfits, including their Keystone four-high corn-meal, as follows: James A. Clark & Co., Cumberland, Maryland; Darnell & Dawson, Kokomo, Ind.; Thomas Heaton, Adams, Ind.; Lavelle Lacy & Billhemer, Washington, Ind.; J. L. Green & Co., Vincennes, Ind.; Wilder Moore & Co., Union City, Tenn.; W. L. Jennings, Oakford, Ind.

CHARLES W. Seefield, dealer in grain at St. Charles, Minn., has failed, and his property has been attached by G. W. Vandusen & Co. for \$7,000. He operated nineteen elevators and warehouses on the Winona & St. Peter and Dakota Central Railways, and also flour mills at Arlington, Dak., and at St. Charles, Minn. His liabilities are said to be over \$100,000, chiefly due in Chicago and St. Louis. Latest telegrams indicate that he is in Winnipeg, Man., where he will stay until the excitement blows over a little.

THE great paper-making firm of the Kimberly & Clark Company, Appleton, Wis., has contracted with the Stilwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company of Dayton, O., for twentyone water-wheels of an aggregate horse-pow er of 2,400, for the mammoth ground-wood and sulphate making establishment which three miles below Appleton. The plans of the institution are not yet thoroughly perfected. The mill will be one of the largest and most perfect in its character in the country and will cost complete about half a million dollars. The sulphate fiber will be produced by the process of the National Sulphate Boiler and Fiber Company. The institution will have an output of twenty-four tons of ground wood and twenty tons of sulphite per day.

THE representative of an English syndicate visited this country several years ago to investigate the American system of grain elevators. The object of the syndicate was to erect a number of elevators in the Argentine Republic, South America. Before concluding his visit he entered into a contract with Mr. J. A. McLennan of Chicago and Duluth, for the construction of two great elevators, of 1,000,000 bushels capacity each, at Buenos Ayres. Mr. McLennan went to work and in two months from the time he first met the representative of the syndicate he had loaded six ocean ships at Baltimore with the material for the houses, all built to pattern and ready to be put up with the greatest dispatch on reaching the port of destination. A large crew of men had been engaged at Locust Point near Baltimore, in framing the timbers which were loaded on vessels as soon as made ready and sent off to South America, with the crew of men to put them together and put in the machinery when there. Recently Mr. McLennan received a telegram from the syndicate to go ahead and get out material for a third elevator of the same capacity and work on that is now going on. It will be shipped south in a few weeks.

MILWAUKEE ITEMS.

A VEIN of natural gas has been discovered fourteen miles south of Milwaukee.

THE Bernhard Stern Milling Company, of Milwaukee, have filed articles of incorporation with a capital of \$100,000. The incorporators are B. Stern, C. F. Kuehne and Henry Mueller.

A. A. L. SMITH, Edward P. Vilas and James H. Barry Jan'y 6, incorporated the Western Portland Cement Company of Milwaukee with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares.

A CHAIN slipped from one of the cranes in the Reliance Works (E. P. Allis & Co.) Jan. 21, allowing a heavy piece of iron to fall on Lawrence Warzinski, a laborer. He was seriously and perhaps fatally wounded.

VARIOUS committees are meeting daily making preparations for the National Encampment to be held next summer. Milwaukee, is expected to out do all previous efforts at great entertainments on that occasion.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, as Bernard Stern, president of the Jupiter Milling Co. was coming out of the Merchant's Exchange Bank, pickpockets robbed him of \$265, which he had just checked out. Fortunately detectives were successful in arresting two of the theives on an outgoing train, and nearly all the money was recovered.

ROBERT GUY CLARKSON died suddenly at his residence, Jan. 6 1889. The deceased was a well-known flour and grain broker on Change where he was very much liked as he was of a cheerful nature and was thoroughly well informed on all matters of general interest. He was born in Toronto, Canada, Oct. 8, 1841. He was the son of Hon. Thomas Clarkson the well-known English philanthropist, who with Wilberforce, brought about the suppression of the slave trade.

A MILWAUKEE Board of Trade man recently expressed his views of "kickers" and "croakers" as follows: The kicker is a developer; the croaker is an incubus. The kicker incites to improvement; the croaker to indignation and resentment. The kicker only is heard when he is given \$1 accommodations at \$3 rates; the croaker would be just as noisy if he was getting \$3 accommodations and paying nothing. The kicker is a lively, jovial, progressive fellow; the croacker is a dismal nuisance, who lags superfluous on the stage.

The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Millers' Mutual Insurance Company was held at the office of the secretary, S. H. Seamans, in the New Insurance Building, January sixteenth. The reports presented showed the organization to be in a prosperous condition, over \$1,000,000 more business having been done in 1888 than in 1887. Among the directors who were present were the following: John Schuette, of Manitowoc; E. W. Arndt, of Depere; S. H. Seamans, of Milwaukee; J. Howitt, of Waukesha, and S. Willy, Appleton.

L. J. Petit and Ward Clement, who recently purchased the McGeoch packing house, will convert the plant into a mammoth storage establishment, to be known as the Milwaukee Storage and Forwarding Company, Railroad Warehouse and Steamer Docks. The property is well adapted to this purpose, with side tracks extending into the buildings, and ample dock frontage accessible by the largest vessels on the lakes. The equipment will include one of the largest and best cold storage departments in the country. The company will issue regular warehouse receipts and advance money on merchandise in store when desired, which is a new enterprise for Milwaukee and calculated to interest millers, merchants and manufacturers generally.

A MILWAUKEEAN, who resides way up on the West Side, must be credited with sharp financeering on a small scale. He generally earns his fare in the horse-cars by taking a seat next to the fare-box, and as people come in he politely takes their nickels and puts them in his pocket, and drops car tickets in the box. As tickets when purchased by the dollar's worth cost but 4 cents a piece, he is a cent ahead every time, and he says its a poor morning indeed when he dont make his fare anyhow.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Lubricating Virtues of Various Oils.—The Italian Admiralty have recently caused to be carried out a number of experiments with a view to testing the comparative merits of castor oil and of olive oil for lubricating purposes on board ship. From the results thus obtained they have given orders that henceforth all exposed; parts of machinery are to be lubricated exclusively with castor oil, while the mineral oils are to be used for cylinder and similar lubrication.

A REPORT from St. Petersburg says that the Russian Government will admit foreign sacks into Russia without the payment of duty, in order to facilitate the export of grain and flour from the Baltic, Black Sea and Sea of Azof ports. Foreign joint stock companies will be allowed to operate in the country without the imperial permission on condition that they sell only articles of foreign manufacture. Companies running steamers to Russian ports will also be allowed to operate without obtaining the imperial permission.

ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION IN AUS-TRIA.-The Oerlikon works propose, at Steyrermuhl, to transmit by dynamos 400 h. p. over a distance of 650 yards. A 100 h. p. plant is already at work in this locality. Innsbruck, there is now at work an Oerlikon a plant transmiting 50 h.p. over a distance of 500 yards; and other projects are in preparation. Messrs. Ganz & Co., of Buda-Pesth, are now bringing out an alternate current motor, which has the great advantage over the Tesla motor of requiring only one circuit. This motor can, therefore, be worked on any existing alternate current electric light circuit, and from experiments made with a 1 h. p. and a 2 h. p. motor, it appears that an efficiency of 60 per cent. is attain-

THE question of the flour syndicate continues to be much discussed, says the Newcastle Daily Chronicle (England), and it is now known that some millers who are important contributors to the flour production of the district have not yet joined the trust, whilst others are also outside. There is still some time before the syndicate would commence its operations, and it is possible that in that time the position may be changed. But it is worth notice that there is a larger quantity of foreign flour brought into this district than has been hitherto considered; and it is possible that the Railway Rates Bill may have some effect in minimizing the distance that flour is carried inland. The question of the desirability of the syndicate is a very interesting one, and it is possible that the projection of it may be the means of attracting the attention of millers outside this district to this part as a field for disposing of more of their produce, seeing that there are such good facilities for reaching the counties of Northumberland and Durham by sea-which means cheaply reaching them.

THE stockholders of the Milwaukee Exposition Company met on the evening of Jan. 11, and by an amusing circumstance Mr. Wm.

Plankinton, the principal stockholder, ceased to be a director. Mr. Plankinton came to the meeting with 1,000 shares in his pocket, and as the voting was by share, he was quite a power when the balloting was going on, the other members present representing collectively but 754 shares. He voted in succession for the re-election of E. P. Matthews, T. L. Kelly, C. M. Cottrill and G. E. Hansen, who were elected unanimously. When his reelection was proposed Mr. Plankinton realized the delicacy of voting for himself, and so thoughtless of the result he was bringing about, recorded his vote for W. Meller. He was not a little surprised when he found that Mr. Meller was elected by a vote of 1,000 to 754, and that he had unwittingly voted himself out of office. It is surmised, however, that it was not altogether a mistake, as it is believed that Mr. Plankinton did not desire to be burdened with the office, and was perfectly content to leave the administration of affairs by the Board as elected.

From a communication received from Harris Brothers &Co., 6 Crosby Square, London, E. C., under date of Jan. 13, we quote as follows: "The weather is colder and more seasonable; home-grown grain, especially barley, has been in good supply, and foreign has come in freely to United Kingdom ports; some South Russian seaports and Danube still ship freely of everything, but the Azoff season is now over till spring. Wheat, since our last, has varied but little in price, though demand has been good for best reds, Californians and Australians, many millers and dealers liking to keep up stocks of such in the face or winter; and as to white wheats especially, it is argued that for 1889 Australia will do next to nothing in way of export, and that therefore United Kingdom and Continent, later on, may easily absorb all the Californians, Oregons, Wallas, and Chilians that may arrive. New crop River Plate and hast Indian wheats will not arrive here in any quantity till May or June, and the United States do not appear inclined to export at present, probably preferring to wait and see how spring sowings progress with them, and how the winter wheats on the ground then look; at present our millers are using Russian and English wheats very freely, and the roller system does not call for so much white wheat admixture as the stones used to do, a point that keeps sorts, in proportion to red, at a lower price than used to be the case. Foreign flour stocks decrease in the U. K., imports being more moderate, nor does America show signs of supplying us at all freely at the moment. Maize keeps quiet, but present colder weather ought to improve demand everywhere, at same time the United States offer "forward" pretty low, say for January, new crop, at 21s., and for April-May at 20s. 6d. to 20s. 9d. C. F. & I., A. Terms. Feeding Barley, and secondary malting sorts, have ruled steady all the week at the recent decline, demand being wonderfully good everywhere. Oats have been pretty easily sold all the week at full prices, especially for common

Under the heading of "The Flour Ring" the British Baker and Confectioner in its January number, goes for the English millers who have entered into a combination which they trust will be of benefit to their business individually and collectively.

individually and collectively.

In another column bakers will see that between the Tweed and Humber some twenty millers have resolved to unite in a course of action that will in future prevent them cutting each other down. Every miller is to sell his flour in his own district. Whether they have consulted the bakers on this point does not appear. It would look very much as if they were counting their chickens before they are hatched. It is true in the districts mentioned the people principally bake their own bread in their kitchen side ovens. However, the baker need not be afraid. If he does not like his local miller's flour, a very common thing, there will be plenty of millers outside the district who will sell him as much flour as he likes, and as cheap as his local miller, too. It is a pretty irony on their own ability that these English millers confess to. This flour ring means that an American miller is able to send his flour all the way from Minneapolis or St. Louis, and deliver it in Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland cheaper than his English competitor. If these twenty millers had resolved to unite their twenty capitals in one central mill to serve this district we should have more faith in their success. It is not carriage that kills them; that is proved by the Americans. It is want of skill, business ability, and enterprise. It is a popular notion that the foreign flour is the competitor which ruins English millers. Why, we know what we are saying, and we are within the truth when we assert that more than 80 per cent. of the foreign flour imported is bought by English millers. How much of this is sold by them again as foreign flour it is difficult to say; but we should not think 20 per cent. over the mark. We know millers who make about two thousand sacks a week and sell over five thousand. Every baker must know this. If the English millers, that may not be pleasant reading for them. In the mean time, if bakers object to getting flour from the local millers, our advice is, go to the foreign miller,

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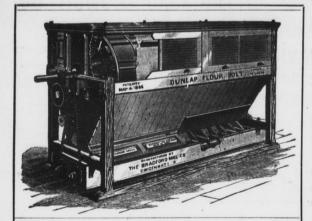


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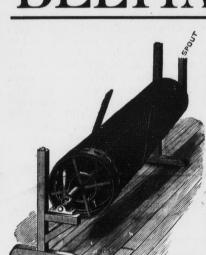


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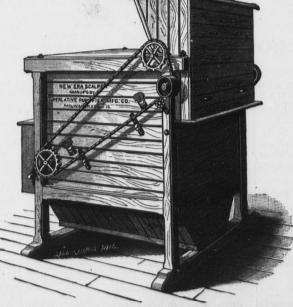
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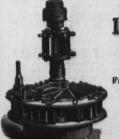


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